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SUBJECT: AID ANNUAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF
TRAINING

I. BACKGROUND: SINCE JULY 1967, THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS
RESPONDED TO 234 DISASTERS AROUND THE WORLD. AN ESTIMATED
TWO MILLION LIVES WERE LOST AND 168 MILLION PEOPLE AFFECTED.
USG ASSISTANCE FOR THESE DISASTERS HAS BEEN VALUED AT
APPROXIMATELY DOLS 732 MILLION, WHILE DISASTER COUNTRY SELF-
HELP APPROACHES DOLS 2 BILLION. IN MANY OF THESE DISASTERS,
HAD THERE BEEN WORKABLE COUNTRY DISASTER PLANS, SUPPORTED BY
NATIONAL DISASTER ORGANIZATIONS CAPABLE OF CARRYING THEM
OUT, LOSS OF LIFE COULD HAVE BEEN REDUCED, HUMAN SUFFERING
MITIGATED AND OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY AND
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ECONOMICALLY. SUCH PLANNING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT A SMALL FRACTION OF THE COST SPENT EACH YEAR ON DISASTER ASSISTANCE, BUT TRAINING IN BASICS IS PRE- REQUISITE. TO ASSIST IN THIS VITAL PROCESS, AID'S FDRC WILL AGAIN CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF TRAINING SEMINAR. TENTATIVE DATES ARE JUNE 11 TO JULY 13, INCLUSIVE.

II. ANNOUNCEMENT: AID INVITES NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, BRAZIL, CHILE, BOLIVIA, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, VIETNAM, KOREA AND MALAYSIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1973 NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RELIEF SEMINAR. EACH MISSION IS REQUESTED TO URGE THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE NOMINATION OF A SENIOR OFFICER OF GOVERNMENT WHOSE POSITION INCLUDES SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISASTER PLANNING AND OPERATIONS. IT IS HOPE THAT THE NICARAGUAN PARTICIPANT WILL BE QUALIFIED TO MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION ON THE BASIS OF THE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN MANAGUA. LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE SEMINAR IS BEING CO- SPONSORED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION. OAS WILL BE PROVIDING THEM WITH SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL LATER PROPOSE FOLLOW- UP ACTIVITIES THAT WILL FOR SOME COUNTRIES INCLUDE IN- COUNTRY DISASTER TRAINING PROGRAMS.

WE ARE ALSO ANTICIPATING PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT LECTURERS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE BY OTHER NATIONS ACTIVE IN FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

OTHER USG FEDERAL AGENCIES ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THESE TRAINING PROGRAMS. THIS YEAR THE DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, WHICH HAS IN THE PAST PROVIDED ITS EXPERTS AND FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE STAFF COLLEGE AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, FOR INSTRUCTION AND SIMULATION EXERCISES, WILL ASSIST TO A GREATER DEGREE BY JOINING WITH AID AND OTHER COOPERATING AGENCIES IN OVERALL COURSE PLANNING.

III. PURPOSE: DESCRIBED BRIEFLY, THE SEMINAR IS TO BRING TOGETHER DISASTER RELIEF ADMINISTRATORS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THEIR CAPABILITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPROVE NATIONAL DISASTER PLANS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS; CONDUCT DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS; INITIATE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION MEASURES; AND TO ESTABLISH A

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TATION AND RECONSTRUCTION MEASURES; AND TO ESTABLISH A

DISASTER RELIEF SYSTEM THAT WILL BE READY IF AND WHEN
DISASTER STRIKES.

IV . SEMINARY STRUCTURE: DISASTER PLANNING PREPAREDNESS,
EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATIONS AND SIMULATION EXERCISES WILL
BE GIVEN PRIMARY ATTENTION:

A. DISASTER PLANNING WILL EMPHASIZE DRAFTING OF LAWS,
DECREES, REGULATIONS, ORGANIZING AND FIXING OF RESPONSIBIL-
ITY AND AUTHORITY AND FUNDING.

B. PREPAREDNESS WILL INCLUDE: ORGANIZATION OF A DISASTER
RELIEF APPARATUS; ANALYSIS OF DISASTER CASE STUDIES; MAPPING
KNOWN DISASTER PRONE AREAS; RECORDING RESOURCES AVAIL-
ABILITY; DETERMINING INTERNAL CAPABILITIES, SUCH AS COMMU-
NICATIONS, TRANSPORT, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND WAYS AND MEANS
TO USE THEM WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. (EACH PARTICIPANT IS ASKED
TO BRING THIS AND OTHER PERTINENT COUNTRY DATA, INCLUDING A
FORMAL DISASTER PLAN IF AVAILABLE TO THE SEMINAR.

C. DISASTER OPERATIONS WILL CHART AND REVIEW SEQUENCE OF
EVENTS WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN ABOUT
ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN INJURY AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE; REPORTING TO
A DISASTER COORDINATION CENTER AND KEEPING THE PUBLIC IN-
FORMED; TAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SAVE LIVES, GIVE FIRST
AID, AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND RESCUE; THE PROVISION OF SHELTER
AND TREATMENT OF THE INJURED ; REGISTRATION AND DISPOSAL
OF THE DEAD; EVACUATION OF THOSE IN DANGER; SETTING UP CAMPS
FOR THE HOMELESS; DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, WATER, BLANKETS,
AND CLOTHING; AND EFFORTS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE
FURTHER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DETERIORATION AMONG DISASTER
VICTIMS.

D. VISITS WILL BE MADE TO U. S. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS
AND SIMULATION EXERCISES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE USG DEFENSE
CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY TO DEMONSTRATE DISASTER RELIEF
OPERATIONS. THE IMPORTANCE OF INITIAL AND CONTINUING ASSESS-
MENT AND EVALUATION WILL BE SHOWN. CRUCIAL " TIMING" FACTOR
WILL BE STRESSED DURING THE COURSE WORK AND THE SIMULATION
EXERCISES, WITH MAJOR EMPHASIS UPON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
THE COUNTRY ITSELF TO MEET ITS DISASTER OBLIGATIONS TO ITS
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CITIZENS.

E. SHORT- RUN REHABILITATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF
THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, MOVING FROM RELIEF TO REHABILITA-
TION, INCLUDING WAYS OF ASSISTING BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND A

SOCIETY TO RETURN TO A VIABLE LEVEL OF EXISTENCE.

F. RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE CONSIDERED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF RETURNING THE SOCIETY, ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS TO THEIR PRE- DISASTER STATE IN THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME.

V. INTERACTION OF THE SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS: THE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE IMPARTED BY LECTURERS WILL BE RICHLY SUPPLEMENTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND PROBLEMS AMONG ALL WHO PARTICIPATE.

VI. PARTICIPANT PROJECTS: DURING THE COURSE OF THE SEMINAR, PARTICIPANTS WILL DEVELOP A SERIES OF PROPOSALS THAT, UPON THEIR RETURN, CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN THE IMPROVEMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF DISASTER RELIEF ADMINISTRATION.

VII. PERIOD OF TRAINING:

CALL FORWARD (WASHINGTON, D. C.) JUNE 5, 1973 (2 DAYS
ORIENTATION AID/ W AND WIC)

SEMINAR: JUNE 11 - JULY 13, 1973

PARTICIPANTS DEPART U. S. JULY 14, 1973

VIII. QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION: THIS TRAINING IS LIMITED TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTING NATIONAL DISASTER PLANNING AND RELIEF. A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH IS ESSENTIAL EXCEPT FOR SPANISH SPEAKING PARTICIPANTS. AID/ W WILL PROVIDE FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETER SERVICES IF TWO OR MORE SPANISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES SO REQUEST.

EACH COUNTRY IS INVITED TO NOMINATE ONE PARTICIPANT AND ONE ALTERNATE.

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IX. FINANCIAL DATA: THIS PROGRAM WILL BE FUNDED FROM DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM FUNDS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL PROGRAM COST, INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL, MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (\$25 PER DAY), BOOK GRANT OF \$35, PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY DUES, AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE PARTICIPANT SHOULD RECEIVE ADVANCE MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE OF \$500, AND INTERNATIONAL TICKETS SHOULD INCLUDE STOP- OVER IN LANSING, MICHIGAN.

APPROPRIATION AND ALLOTMENT NUMBERS WILL FOLLOW.

X. ACTION REQUESTED: SEND NOMINATIONS TO AID/ W ASAP, ATTENTION OF FDRC, PREFERABLY NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15, 1973. NOMINATING INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE THE NAME AND TITLE OF THE NOMINEE, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HIS CURRENT DUTIES, AND THE NAME AND TITLE OF HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR. IF PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES HAVE MADE NO NOMINATION BY MARCH 30, THIS OFFER MAY BE CANCELLED AND AN ALTERNATE SELECTED. NOMINATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A COMPLETE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA. AID/ W WILL NOTIFY MISSIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR NOMINEES NLT APRIL 9.

NOTE FOR DACCA AND ISLAMABAD. TAKE NO ACTION PENDING RECEIPT SEPTEL THIS SUBJECT. RUSH UNQUOTE ROGERS

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